

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: N. Ueda CONF. NO.: 6714
U.S. SERIAL NO.: 09/776,311 GROUP: 2625
FILED: February 2, 2001 EXAMINER: K. Poon
FOR: PRINTING APPARATUS, PRINTING METHOD, AND PRINTING
SYSTEM FOR PRINTING PASSWORD-PROTECTED AND NORMAL
PRINT JOBS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated April 24, 2007 of the above-identified application.

In the Office Action of 04/24/2007, a species requirement was indicated as follows:

Species I: "the printing of the password attached print job that does not require a predetermined time elapsed as claim limitations," and

Species II: "the printing of the password attached print job that requires a predetermined time elapsed as claim limitations" (emphasis added).

In other words, as understood by Applicant, the species requirement distinguishes between Species I for the printing of password-attached print jobs that do not require a predetermined time to be elapsed between print jobs, and Species II for the printing of password-attached print jobs in which a predetermined time has elapsed between the print jobs.

In response to the species requirement, Applicant elects the following species in accordance with the requirements of the Office Action of 04/24/2007. This election is made with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Applicant provisionally elects Species I, which corresponds to claims 1, 2, 5-15, and 17-24.

The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter in the application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for examination and allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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